THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST DAY.

Wednesday, 17th January 1951.

The Legislative Assembly met in Sir K. P. Puttanna Chetty Town Hall, Bangalore, at Three of the Clock on Wednesday the 17th January 1951, pursuant to Cl. (2) of Article 174 of the Constitution of India.

(The Rajpramukh, His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, arrived at the Town Hall at Three of the Clock and was received at the steps by the Hon'ble Speaker and the Secretary. He was then conducted in procession to the Dais all Members standing.)

ADDRESS BY THE RAJPRAMUKH HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

HON'BLE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

BEFORE proceeding to address the House on the business before it, it is my sad duty to refer to the irreparable loss sustained by the nation in the demise of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and to pay a tribute to his revered memory. We can hardly yet realise the magnitude of the blow that has fallen on the country. The late Sardar was a tower of strength to the Union, and we have yet to feel the full extent of his loss and the gap he has left in the country. The Sardar's heroic part in the struggle for freedom is now part of history. His monumental work in bringing

about the integration of the former Indian States will remain for all time as one of the greatest achievements of history, ancient or modern. We have lost a great personality. It is now for us to dedicate ourselves to the fulfilment of his great task.

2. I will now touch on some matters of outstanding importance which have engaged the attention of my Government since the last Session, and on a few others which will engage your attention during this Session.

DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES

3. During the last Session, the House constituted a Committee to examine the proposals for the delimitation of constituencies for elections to the House of the People and the State Legislative Assembly. My Government, having concurred in the Report of the Committee generally, made their recommendations to the Chief Election Commissioner of India.

ALL-INDIA SERVICES

4. In the course of my last address I referred to the All-India Services and stated that my Government have already agreed in principle to participate in the Schemes. They are fully aware and have taken due note of the discussions at the last Session of the Legislative Assembly in regard to the problems

involved in the extension of the I.A.S. and I.P.S. to the State. They are taking all necessary action to safeguard the interests of our officers consequent on the extension of the schemes. The Government of India have assured us that, within the essential frame-work of the schemes, they are prepared to go to the farthest limit to meet the wishes of my Government. Nothing will be done except after prior consultation and discussion with my Government. In the meantime, as agreed between the Government of India and my Government, the Special Recruitment Board will be visiting the State shortly for the purpose of selecting candidates.

COMMITTEES

5. The Reports of the Committees set up by the Government in regard to (*a*) Land Revenue Reforms, (*b*) Integration of Village Panchayets, District Boards and Rural Development Committees, and (*c*) Town and Minor Municipalities have been received by my Government. Two Bills have been framed on the recommendation of the latter two Committees and they will be coming up for discussion at this Session. The report on the Land Revenue Reforms Committee is engaging the attention of my Government.

The Report of the Special Committee on Krishnaraj Sagar has been received by my

Government and they are engaged in examining it with a view to implementing the recommendations of the Committee effectively and expeditiously.

FINANCE

6. The House is already aware of the Financial Integration Agreement between the Government of India and Mysore and the question of the determination of the Revenue gap was a subject-matter of negotiation during the year. It is a matter for satisfaction that the Government of India took a liberal view of the points at issue and have agreed that the net gap payable annually to the State by the Centre shall be Rs. 345 lakhs for the stipulated period.

The House will be glad to know that the Government of India have sanctioned the following loans and grants to the State Government :—

(1) Loan of Rs. 29·5 lakhs for 'Grow More Food Schemes' for the year 1949-50.

(2) Grant of Rs. 42·63 lakhs for 'Grow More Food Schemes' for the year 1949-50.

(3) Loan of Rs. 40 lakhs for 'Grow More Food Schemes' for the year 1950-51.

(4) Grant of Rs. 33·55 lakhs for 'Grow More Food Schemes' for the year 1950-51.

More recently the Government of India have assured us—

(1) A loan of Rs. 1½ crores for 1950-51 and Rs. 1½ crores for 1951-52, towards capital expenditure.

(2) A grant of Rs. 2·50 lakhs for the Rural Industrialisation Scheme.

The purposes for which the loan amount of Rs. 3 crores is to be spent are subject to the approval of the Government of India.

RETRENCHMENTS

7. The report of the Economy Officer was considered by Government and wherever possible, retrenchments have been and are being effected.

The Estimates Committee which will be constituted shortly will have the responsible task of not only scrutinising the Budget in detail but also advising the Government regarding economy measures.

FOOD SITUATION

8. Natural calamities such as earthquakes, floods and drought overtook India during the year that is just over. In many places the country has had poor harvests in consequence. This has rendered the already critical food situation still more difficult. Added to this is the prospect of diminishing food imports from abroad, due mostly to shipping shortage arising from the international situation. The current year, therefore, calls for greater sacrifice and courage than hitherto to tide over the difficulties. It may become necessary to

exercise greater austerity and share what little is available equitably with all those less favourably situate. The crops in Mysore are on the whole not bad, though in certain areas of the State there has been failure of rains and consequent distress. The overall deficit is nearly as much as 1½ lakhs of tons and it cannot be covered without substantial aid from the Centre. As against this deficit the allotment from the Centre is only 75,000 tons. My Government are in closest touch with the situation as it is developing and will, with the co-operation of the public, do all in their power to mitigate the hardship that is inevitable under the circumstances.

FOOD PRODUCTION

9. The dependence of India on foreign food imports has been the cause of enormous drain on our resources. India's economy, sustained mainly by agriculture, cannot for long continue to bear this strain. Mysore along with the rest of India has set the target before herself of achieving self-sufficiency by 1952. The three-year plans for the State have been drawn up and approved by the Centre. The Government of India have made available grants and loans for 1949-50 and 1950-51. With this aid, supplemented by our own resources, my Government have been endeavouring to complete the short-term irrigation projects within the target period on

a planned basis. A sum of over a crore of rupees was spent during 1949-50 on these projects. Measures are well under way to speed up the completion of all these projects. The distribution of improved seeds, manure and agricultural implements is being continued on an extended scale. These steps, it is hoped, will help to step up food production to an appreciable extent and to reduce the State's food deficit.

While every attention has to be paid for the completion of short-term projects, it is obvious that the necessity for having a long range plan to meet the growing needs of an increasing population cannot be lost sight of. Major irrigation works like Lakkavalli, Tunga, Nugu and others must, therefore, continue to have their due share of attention.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

10. My Government have been taking steps to see that the normal developments in some of the larger industries are kept up. Administrative sanction has recently been accorded for the installation at the Mysore Iron and Steel Works of a Bessemer Electric Duplex Steel Plant and an additional Billet and Light Structural Mill at a total cost of Rs. 130 lakhs for converting the increased output of pig iron from the Electric Furnaces into steel and to step up its production from

25,000 tons to 100,000 tons. The additional Cement Plant and the new Ferro-silicon Plant at the Works have already gone into production and the Acetic Acid Plant will also be ready for final operation shortly. The Government have sanctioned a scheme for the manufacture of energy meters at the Radio and Electricals Manufacturing Company, Limited. The Chief Electrical Engineer was recently deputed to Japan for finalising negotiations with manufacturing firms in this connection and his report is awaited. The report of the Committee set up by Government to review the progress of the Khadi Industry in the State and to make recommendations for its development, has been received and is being examined by Government. Plans for the expansion of the Electro-porcelain Industry are also being considered. Arrangements for the establishment of a Sugar Factory at Shimoga are well under way.

With a view to meeting the furniture requirements of the various departments of Government, a Wood Working Factory has been established at Tumkur under the control of the Forest Department.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER

11. My Government have on hand surveys, both in the Cauvery and in the Sharavati Valleys, with a view to harnessing

the waters of both the rivers for further development of hydro-electric power. It is ascertained that our present output of electric energy will be found insufficient within the next few years and my Government feel that it is necessary for the continued industrial development of the State that power should be made available in an increasing measure. The ways and means position is being examined, and my Government will make every endeavour in this behalf.

CO-OPERATION

12. My Government are conscious that co-operation should form the basis for, and pervade every field of activity. The need for a review of the movement, which has been in existence for over 40 years, was felt and in May last year a Seminar on Co-operation was held in the State and its report has been published. One thing that was prominently realised was that there was an unbalance, both regional and functional, in the movement. It had not spread out evenly all over the State and was confined mostly to urban areas. On the functional side it was confined mainly in the direction of credit to the neglect of other fields, such as industry and agriculture. The geographical unbalance has been sought to be remedied by the establishment of multi-purpose co-operative societies all over the State, while the functional unbalance is

sought to be set right by the establishment of co-operative societies for woollen, silk and cotton hand-loom weavers, power-loom weavers, house building, telis, milk and the like.

STANDING COMMITTEES

13. My Government have decided to constitute several Standing Advisory Committees composed of members of this House to enable the Government to have the benefit of their advice.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

14. My Government propose to put through the following legislative business during this Session :—

(1) The Mysore Court Fees (Amendment) Bill,

(2) The Mysore Land Record of Rights (Amendment) Bill,

(3) The Mysore Debt Conciliation (Amendment) Bill,

(4) The Mysore Cotton Control (Amendment) Bill,

(5) The Mysore Education Cess (Validation of Recovery) Bill,

(6) The Mysore Live-stock Improvement Bill,

(7) The Mysore Prevention of Adulteration (Amendment) Bill,

(8) The Mysore Lotteries and Prize Competitions Control and Tax Bill,

(9) The Mysore Survey and Boundaries Bill,

(10) The Mysore State Aid to Industries Bill,

(11) The Mysore Town Municipalities Bill,

(12) The Mysore Payment of Salaries and Allowances to Members of the Legislative Assembly Bill,

(13) The Mysore Cultivation of Fallow Lands Bill,

(14) The Mysore Temple Entry Authorisation (Amendment) Bill,

(15) The Mysore Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill,

(16) The Mysore Village Panchayets and District Boards Bill, and

(17) The Mysore House Rent and Accommodation Control Bill.

CONCLUSION

15. Since my last address, several major events have happened in the international sphere and the world situation is far from being clear or free from anxiety. The position in Korea has worsened and nearer home, certain disquieting events have taken place in Tibet and Nepal. The Kashmir question still remains unsolved. Let us hope that it will be given to our leaders and the statesmen who are working hard to ward off the threat of a global war and to establish peace and understanding among the various nations, and that Providence will guide their deliberations and crown their efforts with success in their very difficult and anxious task.

16. In India itself, we have not yet recovered from the calamities inflicted on us by Nature such as irregular and untimely rainfall and the earthquake in Assam. The economic problems continue to defy solution. The task ahead is very heavy and the several

problems that confront us have to be dealt with and tackled continuously and speedily if we are to avoid serious consequences. Let us hope that the New Year, in which we enter the second half of the Century, will enable us to turn the corner and secure some measure of success.

After the address, His Highness the Maharaja left the Hall in procession, at Seventeen Minutes past Three of the Clock.

The Hon'ble Speaker (Sri V. Venkatappa) returned and took the Chair.

REPORT OF THE ADDRESS TO THE ASSEMBLY BY THE HON'BLE SPEAKER.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು (ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ ನವರು).—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರೇ, ಈಗ ತಾನೇ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರು ಮಾಡಿದ ಭಾಷಣದ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದಿಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಮತ್ತು ಅದನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಹಂಚಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

STATEMENT BY THE HON'BLE SPEAKER *re.* TIME FOR RECEIPT OF MOTION OF ADDRESS OF THANKS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು (ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ ನವರು).—ನಾಳೆಯ ದಿವಸ ಸಭೆಯು ಒಂದು ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಶಾಸನ ವಿಧಾಯಕ ಸಭೆಯ ಸಭಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರ ಭಾಷಣದ ಮೇಲೆ ವಂದನೆಯನ್ನರ್ಪಿಸುವ ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸತಕ್ಕ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ನಾಳೆಯ ದಿವಸ ಹನ್ನೊಂದು ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಕೊಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಅದರ ಮೇಲಿನ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಚರ್ಚೆ ನಾಳೆಯ ದಿವಸ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತದೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸೂಚಿಸತಕ್ಕ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು, ಅದನ್ನು ನಾಳೆಯ ದಿವಸ ಸಂಜೆ ಐದು ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಕೊಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ನಾಡಿದ್ದು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಚರ್ಚೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತದೆ.

ಇನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ನಾಳೆ ಒಂದು ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

The Assembly adjourned at Twenty-two Minutes past Three of the Clock to meet again at One of the Clock in the Legislative Assembly Hall on Thursday, 18th January 1951.

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